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SUBJECT: SUMMER INTERN - ANN DERN

1. EMBASSY ADVISED MS. DERN IN ITS LETTER OF MAY 5 THAT IT COULD NOT GUARANTEE HER A TRANSIENT APARTMENT SINCE THERE WAS A GREATER THAN USUAL TURNOVER OF AMERICAN STAFF THIS SUMMER. EMBASSY ALSO ASSURED HER THAT EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO SECURE HER ACCOMMODATIONS AT A REASONABLE COST.

2. MS. DERN'S SHORT LETTER OF MAY 17 INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH: "I AM GLAD THAT A TRANSIENT APARTMENT HAS BEEN RESERVED FOR ME. I AM SOMEWHAT DISTURBED, HOWEVER, THAT STATE EMPLOYEES ASSIGNED TO STOCKHOLM ARE GIVEN A PRIORITY. I AM GIVING MY MONEY AND TIME TO THE EMBASSY BECAUSE I WANT EXPERIENCE, I DO NOT CONSIDER THIS STATE DEPARTMENT PROGRAM A SUMMER LARK. I AM UNFAMILIAR WITH STOCKHOLM AND I AM NOT AFFLUENT. THEREFORE, I FEEL THAT IT IS VERY LITTLE TO ASK THE EMBASSY TO SECURE FOR ME SOME FORM OF PERMANENT HOUSING FOR THE THREE MONTHS OF MY INTERNSHIP. I DO NOT WISH TO SPEND MORE THAN 150 DOLLARS PER MONTH AND FELT THAT A HOME WITH A NATIVE FAMILY WOULD BE THE MOST ECONOMICAL. I PLAN TO ARRIVE IN STOCKHOLM JUNE 1 OR 2

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TO BECOME SETTLED IN THE APARTMENT THE EMBASSY HAS RESERVED FOR ME."

3. STOCKHOLM WOULD APPRECIATE THE BUREAU ADVISING MS. DERN THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE EMBASSY TO PROVIDE HER A TRANSIENT FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, HOWEVER, THE EMBASSY HAS ARRANGED FOR MS. DERN TO LIVE

WITH A SWEDISH-AMERICAN COUPLE ASSOCIATED WITH THE EMBASSY WHO WILL BE HOUSESITTING A RESIDENCE IN LIDINGO, A SUBURB OF STOCKHOLM. THESE ARRANGEMENTS COVER A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS FROM MID-JUNE TO MID-AUGUST, WHILE AN EMPLOYEE IS ON HOME LEAVE. DURING THIS PERIOD, HER LODGING EXPENSES SHOULD BE NOMINAL.

4. WHILE WE CAN ASSURE MS. DERN THAT SHE WILL NOT BE WITHOUT LIVING QUARTERS DURING ANY OF HER INTERNSHIP IN STOCKHOLM, IT IS VERY UNLIKELY THAT SHE WILL FIND SUITABLE LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR 150 DOLLARS PER MONTH EXCEPT FOR THE ABOVE NOTED TWO-MONTH PERIOD. STOCKHOLM COST OF LIVING IS HIGH AND HOUSING EXPENSIVE AND SCARCE. IF MS. DERN MUST PAY STANDARD RATES FOR TEMPORARY LODGING FOR THE FIRST HALF OF JUNE AND THE LATTER HALF OF AUGUST, THIS COULD COST HER AT LEAST 500 DOLLARS AND QUITE POSSIBLE MORE.

5. EMBASSY HOPES THAT ITS PRESENT ARRANGEMENT FOR MS. DERN'S ACCOMMODATIONS ARE SATISFACTORY. HOWEVER, SHOULD IT BE UNACCEPTABLE IT IS BEST THAT SHE KNOWS OF THIS SITUATION AND THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SUMMER INTERN PROGRAM AND THEN DECIDE WHETHER SHE IS GOING TO PROCEED TO STOCKHOLM. WE HOPE MS. DERN WILL COME AHEAD TO STOCKHOLM. THE EMBASSY WILL BE HAPPY TO MEET HER AT THE AIRPORT IF SHE WILL CABLE HER ITINERARY. PLEASE UNCLASSIFIED

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